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The amendment filed on March 5, 2001, canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the originally presented claims were drawn to a method of engineering tissue sample, wherein the newly presented claims are drawn to a method for obtaining tissue information with steps for imaging and reducing the imaging information.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiries concerning the *merits* of this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Jeffrey S. Lundgren, whose telephone number is (703) 306-3221. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EST).

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